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SUBJECT: LETTER BOMBS RECENTLY MAILED TO U.S. OFFICIALS
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THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM FROM AMEMBASSY, OTTAWA IS REPEATED TO ALL POSTS AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY. WHILE THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT LETTER BOMBS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO OR RECEIVED BY ADDRESSEE POSTS RECENTLY, THE LETTER BOMB PROBLEM REMAINS A MATTER OF CONTINUING CONCERN REQUIRING CONSTANT VIGILANCE.

QUOTE:

1. INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED INDICATING SIX LETTER BOMBS HAVE BEEN MAILED IN NEW YORK CITY BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 - 13, 1976 TO VARIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND/OR OFFICIALS. THESE LETTER BOMBS WERE APPARENTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN ORGANIZATION CALLED COMANDOS REVOLUCIONARIOS INDEPENDENTISTAS ARMADOS (CRIA) WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE A PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE GROUP. THE EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES HAVE BEEN CONTAINED IN EITHER 8 1/2" X 6 1/2" OR A 9" X 12" MANILA ENVELOPE AND WERE EITHER UN-ADDRESSED OR HAD THE ADDRESSEE'S NAME CUT OUT OF A NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE WHICH WAS GLUED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.

INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WAS AN 8" X 10" SILVER-COLORED PIECE OF CARDBOARD WITH ALL BOMB COMPONENTS ATTACHED TO IT WITH 3/4" MASKING TAPE. BOMB COMPONENTS CONSISTED OF A "WEXTCLOX" POCKET WATCH WITH A SMALL SCREW PUT THROUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WATCH CRYSTAL AND WIRING HELD WITH A PLASTIC BATTERY SNAP CAP TO A SMALL RECTANGULAR 9 V TRANSISTOR BATTERY. WIRING WAS THEN ATTACHED TO A SMALL FLASHBULB PLACED IN A THREE-INCH LONG ROUND CLEAR PLASTIC VIAL BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH POTASSIUM CHLORATE, SUGAR AND SULPHUR. TWO DEVICES ALSO CONTAINED A METAL CAN OF "RONSON" LIGHTER FLUID.

2. ONE OF THE ENVELOPES WHICH CONTAINED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN POSTMARKED NOV. 20 FROM BROOKLYN, N.Y., AND HAD A 13 CENT STAMP AFFIXED TO THE ENVELOPE. THIS PARTICULAR ENVELOPE IS DESCRIBED AS MANILA AND BEING 6 1/2" X 9 1/2" IN SIZE.

3. TO DATE THESE LETTER BOMBS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO

PRESIDENT ELECT JIMMY CARTER; SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN; DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, JOHN S. DYSON, COMMISSIONER, ALBANY, N.Y.; MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE CORPORATION, NYC; THE FBI, NYC; THE CIA, WORLD TRADE CENTER, NYC; AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM, CENTER STREET, NYC.

4. EACH POST IS RECOMMENDED TO ALERT ALL PERSONNEL OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH DEVICES AS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY BE RECEIVED. RECEPTIONISTS AND MAIL-ROOM EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVELOPE AND INSTRUCTED TO REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ENVELOPES OR PACKAGES TO THE PSO. FURTHER, EACH POST IS REQUESTED TO UTILIZE THE OSZILLOV 2 HAND-HELD METAL DETECTOR AND INSURE THAT THE METAL DETECTOR IS OPERATIONAL. THESE DETECTORS REQUIRE A 9 VOLT BATTERY AND IT SHOULD BE TESTED AGAINST A METAL OBJECT BEFORE BEING USED.

5. AS INSTRUCTED PREVIOUSLY, ALL PACKAGES OR ENVELOPES WHICH APPEAR SUSPICIOUS SHOULD NOT BE HANDLED IN ANY MANNER AND THE AREA IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED SHOULD BE EVACUATED. THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY AND REQUESTED TO EXAMINE ALL SUSPICIOUS PARCELS, PACKAGES AND ENVELOPES. END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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